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Dear Ms. Hesse:

I believe that the United States of America has the highest standard of living of any country in the world. I am certain that our prosperity is a direct result of the free enterprise system that enables our economy to flourish. I enjoy following current events, and participating in the political process when I believe that my participation is needed.

The federal government's lawsuit against Microsoft is a prime example of an issue that has stirred my passions and evoked my interest in the public good. From the outset of the lawsuit, I have worried about the suit's impact on the American economy as a whole. I noticed that the entire stock market began its slide at the point which the federal government announced Microsoft's breakup.

Microsoft's innovation has been beneficial for industrial and educational institutions across America. I strongly believe that the government ought to be as supportive as possible of all companies that are vital to American enterprise and American jobs. It's important to families that their tax dollars be used to strengthen, not weaken, the economy.

That's why I believe that the proposed settlement between Microsoft and the federal government is a positive development for America. The settlement provides for like access and monitoring of Microsoft. In essence, everybody wins... business, industry, the government, and, most importantly, the American people.

I hope that Judge Kollar Kotelly will approve the settlement.

Thank you,

  
Scott Lampe